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March 5, 1999

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of the City of Rhinelander, Oneida County, as a
Water Public Utility for Authority to Increase Water Rates

5010-WR-103

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS
AND
TELEPHONIC HEARING**

Telephonic Hearing Date:	March 25, 1999 – 9:00 a.m.
Hearing Locations:	Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport, 3375 Airport Road, Rhinelander, WI

THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO consider the application dated October 20, 1998, of the City of Rhinelander, Oneida County, (applicant), as a water public utility, under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.03, 196.20, and 196.37, for authority to increase water rates.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will investigate this matter and hold a public hearing on March 25, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. This will be a telephonic hearing conducted from two sites. The applicant will provide a room for customer participation in the Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport, 3375 Airport Road, Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Customers may call the utility at (715) 362-4131 for further details on the location of the hearing room. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Commission staff will participate from the second location, the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, in the Lake Superior Room. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the case coordinator listed below.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a). Jeffry J. Patzke is the Hearing Examiner for the proceeding.

The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). Since no unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely, neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to get this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Vishwa Kashyap at (608) 266-2029.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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